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MC DERMID advised that he was unable to complete his person-to-person call to OSWALD, at which time he made a station-to-station call to the Dallas Police Department. He spoke to a man identifying himself as a Dallas City Police Officer, whose name he could not recall. This individual advised MC DERMID that OSWALD was not available at that moment to receive a telephone call but that MC DERMID's offer to serve as a defense attorney would be furnished to OSWALD. Following this phone call, MC DERMID sent a follow-up telegram addressed to LEE H. OSWALD in care of City Hall, Dallas, Texas. This telegram MC DERMID called in to Western Union on November 23, 1963, from his own residence phone, according to the best of his recollection. He made a copy of the telegram sent to OSWALD and furnished the wording from this copy as follows: "On television you requested counsel. If you have not been able to obtain counsel and desire counsel you may request a conference." This telegram was signed H. MC DERMID, Attorney, and according to his recollection, probably contained his business address, 123 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois.

MC DERMID advised that since this incident he has made a request of Western Union to furnish him a copy of the above telegram with no success to date. Western Union did, however, confirm to MC DERMID the fact that the above telegram was delivered.

MC DERMID advised that he had not been personally acquainted with OSWALD and knew nothing of this man until November 22, 1963, when he learned that OSWALD was arrested and charged with the assassination of President KENNEDY. MC DERMID advised

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